



# ***Patterns of the Heart***

*PASTOR ZAC HESS • 1 SAMUEL 26–27*

The Heart  
of a King

**Patterns reveal the heart.**

*Then the Ziphites came to Saul at Gibeah, saying, “Is not David hiding himself on the hill of Hachilah, which is on the east of Jeshimon?”*



*So Saul arose and went down to the wilderness of Ziph with three thousand chosen men of Israel to seek David in the wilderness of Ziph.*

1 Samuel 26:2



*And Saul encamped on the hill of Hachilah, which is beside the road on the east of Jeshimon. But David remained in the wilderness. When he saw that Saul came after him into the wilderness,*


1 Samuel 26:3



*David sent out spies and learned that Saul had indeed come.*

1 Samuel 26:4

*Then David rose and came to the place where Saul had encamped. And David saw the place where Saul lay, with Abner the son of Ner, the commander of his army.*



*Saul was lying within the encampment, while the army  
was encamped around him.*

1 Samuel 26:5



*Then David said to Ahimelech the Hittite, and to Joab's brother Abishai the son of Zeruah, "Who will go down with me into the camp to Saul?" And Abishai said, "I will go down with you."*

*So David and Abishai went to the army by night. And there lay Saul sleeping within the encampment, with his spear stuck in the ground at his head, and Abner and the army lay around him.*

1 Samuel 26:7

*Then Abishai said to David, “God has given your enemy into your hand this day. Now please let me pin him to the earth with one stroke of the spear, and I will not strike him twice.”*

1 Samuel 26:8



*But David said to Abishai, “Do not destroy him, for who can put out his hand against the Lord’s anointed and be guiltless?”*

1 Samuel 26:9



*And David said, “As the Lord lives, the Lord will strike him, or his day will come to die, or he will go down into battle and perish.*

1 Samuel 26:10



*The Lord forbid that I should put out my hand against the Lord's anointed. But take now the spear that is at his head and the jar of water, and let us go."*

1 Samuel 26:11

*So David took the spear and the jar of water from Saul's head, and they went away. No man saw it or knew it, nor did any awake, for they were all asleep, because a deep sleep from the Lord had fallen upon them.*



# **True Integrity** (26:1–20)



# **False Repentance** (26:21–25)



# **Wise Leadership** (27:1–12)



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